New rule for trainee officers of IFS

†3292. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the trainee officers of Indian Forests Services are not allowed to appear in any Civil Services Examination for three years as per a particular rule of Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT);

(b) whether above rule is also applicable on the trainee officers of other Indian Administrative Services;

(c) if not, the reasons for this anomaly; and

(d) whether said rule has been formulated with the consent of Union Public Service Commission and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for violating the rules of Union Public Service Commission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) to (d) Indian Forest Services (Probation) Rules, 1968, Sub Rule 1 of Rule 8 provides that no probationer in the Service shall, during the period of training at the Forest Research Institute and Colleges, Dehradun appear in either the Civil Services Examination or any other examination for appointment to the Central or State services by open competitive examination. This rule was incorporated through an amendment to the Indian forest Service (Probation) Rules, 1968 during the year 1994 with a view to addressing the problem that the Indian Forest Service probationers had not been taking their training seriously and absenting from the training for preparing for other competitive examinations. Before amending the said rule, the Ministry of Environment and forest had undertaken consultations with the Union Public Service Commission and all the State Governments.

Cases registered against Karipur airport official by CBI

3293. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any action is taken by Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on complaints/reports of corruption, grafting hence harassment of passengers in Karipur airport located in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof including number of cases registered, officials *prima facie* involved, and charges le[illegible]lled as on today, category-wise;

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